

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3951–S4025

Measures Introduced: Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3384–3387, and S. Res. 534–535. **Pages S3983–84**

Measures Passed:

Information Technology Investment Oversight Enhancement and Waste Prevention Act: Senate passed S. 920, to amend section 11317 of title 40, United States Code, to improve the transparency of the status of information technology investments, to require greater accountability for cost overruns on Federal information technology investment projects, to improve the processes agencies implement to manage information technology investments, to reward excellence in information technology acquisition, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4019–24**

Dodd (for Carper) Amendment No. 4147, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4024**

Silver Star Service Banner Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 534, expressing support for designation of May 1, 2010, as “Silver Star Service Banner Day”. **Page S4024**

Honoring the President of Mexico Felipe Calderon Hinojosa: Senate agreed to S. Res. 535, honoring the President of Mexico, Felipe Calderon Hinojosa, for his service to the people of Mexico, and welcoming the President to the United States. **Page S4024**

Measures Considered:

Restoring American Financial Stability Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end “too big to fail”, to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S3961–63, S3963–65, S3965–80

Adopted:

Brownback (for Snowe/Pryor) Amendment No. 3883 (to Amendment No. 3739), to ensure small business fairness and regulatory transparency. **Pages S3961, S3964**

Ensign Amendment No. 4146 (to Amendment No. 3739), to amend the definition of credit to exclude no interest credit instruments. **Page S3973**

Dodd (for Vitter/Pryor) Modified Amendment No. 4003 (to Amendment No. 3739), to address nonbank financial company definitions and to provide for anti-evasion authority. **Pages S3973–74**

Withdrawn:

By 35 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 159), Whitehouse Further Modified Amendment No. 3746 (to Amendment No. 3739), to restore to the States the right to protect consumers from usurious lenders. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). **Pages S3961, S3971–73**

Pending:

Reid (for Dodd/Lincoln) Amendment No. 3739, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3961**

Brownback Further Modified Amendment No. 3789 (to Amendment No. 3739), to provide for an exclusion from the authority of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection for certain automobile manufacturers. **Page S3961**

Specter Modified Amendment No. 3776 (to Amendment No. 3739), to amend section 20 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to allow for a private civil action against a person that provides substantial assistance in violation of such Act. **Page S3961**

Dodd (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3823 (to Amendment No. 3739), to restore the application of the Federal antitrust laws to the business of health insurance to protect competition and consumers. **Page S3961**

Dodd (for Cantwell) Modified Amendment No. 3884 (to Amendment No. 3739), to impose appropriate limitations on affiliations with certain member banks. **Page S3961**

Cardin Amendment No. 4050 (to Amendment No. 3739), to require the disclosure of payments by resource extraction issuers. **Page S3961**

Merkley/Levin Amendment No. 4115 (to Amendment No. 3789), to prohibit certain forms of proprietary trading. **Page S3961**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Dodd/Lincoln) Amendment No. 3739 (listed above) and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, May 21, 2010. **Page S3974**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Reid (for Dodd/Lincoln) Amendment No. 3739 (listed above). **Page S3974**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 158), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on Reid (for Dodd/Lincoln) Amendment No. 3739, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3964**

Subsequently, Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on Reid (for Dodd/Lincoln) Amendment No. 3739 (listed above). **Page S3964**

Subsequently, a unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill be vitiated. **Page S3964**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 20, 2010; provided that at 2:30 p.m., the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be agreed to; and Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Dodd/Lincoln) Amendment No. 3739 (listed above); provided further, that the filing deadline for second-degree amendments be 1:30 p.m. **Pages S4024–25**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Patrick S. Moon, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Christopher W. Murray, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo.

Routine lists in the Army, and Navy. **Page S4025**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Messages from the House: **Page S3983**

Measures Referred: **Page S3983**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S3983**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—159) **Pages S3964, S3972–73**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:27 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 20, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4025.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (METRO)

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro), after receiving testimony from Senator Cardin; and Peter Benjamin, and Richard Sarles, both of Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (METRO), Jackie Jeter, Amalgamated Transit Union, Jack Corbett, MetroRiders.org, and Francis DeBernardo, Riders' Advisory Council, all of Washington, DC.

MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 3302, to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish new automobile safety standards, make better motor vehicle safety information available to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the public, and S. 3271, to amend section 30166 of title 49, United States Code, to require the installation of

event data recorders in all motor vehicles manufactured for sale in the United States, after receiving testimony from David L. Strickland, Administrator, and Joan Claybrook, former Administrator, both of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Dave McCurdy, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, and Clarence M. Ditlow, Center for Auto Safety, both of Washington, DC; and Michael J. Stanton, Association of International Automobile Manufacturers, Inc. (AIAM), Arlington, Virginia.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the proposed Constitution of the U.S. Virgin Islands, S. 2941, to provide supplemental ex gratia compensation to the Republic of the Marshall Islands for impacts of the nuclear testing program of the United States, H.R. 3940, to amend Public Law 96–597 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to extend grants and other assistance to facilitate political status public education programs for the peoples of the non-self-governing territories of the United States, and H.R. 2499, to provide for a federally sanctioned self-determination process for the people of Puerto Rico, after receiving testimony from Delegates Pierluisi, Bordallo and Christensen; Jonathan G. Cedarbaum, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; Nikolao Pula, Director, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; Puerto Rico Governor Luis G. Fortuño, Hector J. Ferrer Rios, Popular Democratic Party, and Ruben Berrios Martinez, Puerto Rican Independence Party, all of San Juan; Gerard Luz Amwur James II, Fifth Constitutional Convention of the U.S. Virgin Islands, St. Croix; and John M. Silk, Republic of the Marshall Islands Minister of Foreign Affairs, Majuro.

NATIONAL PARKS BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 349, to establish the Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania, S. 1596, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the Gold Hill Ranch in Coloma, California, S. 1651, to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior, S. 1750, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the General of the Army George Catlett Marshall National Historic Site at Dodona Manor in Leesburg, Virginia, S. 1801, to establish the First State National Historical Park in the State of Delaware, S. 1802 and H.R. 685, bills to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study regarding the proposed United States

Civil Rights Trail, S. 2953 and H.R. 3388, bills to modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia, S. 2976, to designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan, S. 3159 and H.R. 4395, bills to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, S. 3168, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain non-Federal land in the State of Pennsylvania for inclusion in the Fort Necessity National Battlefield, and S. 3303, to establish the Chimney Rock National Monument in the State of Colorado, after receiving testimony from Senators Boxer, Carper, Casey, Burriss and Bennet; Stephen E. Whitesell, Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities and Lands, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Robert Moomaw, Archuleta County Commissioner, Pagosa Springs, Colorado; Timothy Slavin, Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, Dover; and Mark N. Platts, Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Area, Wrightsville, Pennsylvania.

REBUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT IN HAITI

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine empowering Haiti to rebuild better, including S. 3317, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2010 through 2014 to promote long-term, sustainable rebuilding and development in Haiti, after receiving testimony from T. Christopher Milligan, Coordinator for Disaster Response in Haiti, United States Agency for International Development; Kenneth Merten, United States Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, Department of State; Andrew S. Natsios, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, and Mark L. Schneider, International Crisis Group, both of Washington, DC.; and Sean Penn, J/P Haitian Relief Organization, San Francisco.

START TREATY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a Treaty between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed in Prague on April 8, 2010, with Protocol (Treaty Doc. 111–05), focusing on the history and lessons of the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, after receiving testimony from James A. Baker III, Baker Botts L.L.P., Houston, Texas.

REFUGEE PROTECTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine renewing America's commitment to the refugee convention, including S. 3113, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reaffirm the United States' historic commitment to protecting refugees who are fleeing persecution or torture, after receiving testimony from Dan Glickman, Refugees International, and Igor V. Timofeyev, Paul, Hastings, Janofsky and Walker LLP, both of Washington, DC.; and Patrick Giantonio, Vermont Immigration and Asylum Advocates, Burlington.

FILIBUSTER

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee resumed hearings to examine the filibuster, focusing on the filibuster today and its consequences, after receiving testimony from former Vice President Walter F. Mondale; former Senator Don Nickles; Steven S. Smith, Washington University Murray Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy, St. Louis, Missouri; and Norman J. Ornstein, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC.

NOMINATION

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Marie Collins Johns, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration, after the nominee, who was introduced by Representative Carson, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Assistance Program and the impact of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill on small businesses, after receiving testimony from James Rivera, Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance, Small Business Administration; William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; and Jaimie Bergeron, Fleur de Lis Car Care Center, Lake View, Louisiana.

VETERANS BILLS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1866, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility of parents of certain deceased veterans for interment in national cemeteries, S. 1939, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, S. 1940, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out

a study on the effects on children of exposure of their parents to herbicides used in support of the United States and allied military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam era, S. 2751, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Big Spring, Texas, as the George H. O'Brien, Jr., Department of Veterans Medical Center, S. 3035, to require a report on the establishment of a Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center or Polytrauma Network Site of the Department of Veterans Affairs in the northern Rockies or Dakotas, S. 3107, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2010, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, S. 3192, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the tolling of the timing of review for appeals of final decisions of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, S. 3234, to improve employment, training, and placement services furnished to veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, S. 3286, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on the award of grants to State and local government agencies and nonprofit organizations to provide assistance to veterans with their submittal of claims to the Veterans Benefits Administration, S. 3314, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Appalachian Regional Commission to carry out a program of outreach for veterans who reside in Appalachia, S. 3325, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the waiver of the collection of copayments for telehealth and telemedicine visits of veterans, S. 3330, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the administration of medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 3348, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the treatment of documents that express disagreement with decisions of the Board of Veterans' Appeals and that are misfiled with the Board within 120 days of such decisions as motions for reconsideration of such decisions, S. 3352, to amend title 38, United States Code, to exempt reimbursements of expenses related to accident, theft, loss, or casualty loss from determinations of annual income with respect to pensions for veterans and surviving spouses and children of veterans, S. 3355, to provide for an Internet website for information on benefits, resource, services, and opportunities for veterans and their families and caregivers, S. 3367, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the rate of pension for disabled veterans who are married to one another and both of whom require regular aid and attendance, S. 3368, to amend title 38, United States

Code, to authorize certain individuals to sign claims filed with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on behalf of claimants, S. 3370, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the process by which an individual files jointly for social security and dependency and indemnity compensation, S. 1780, to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the reserve components as active service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and S. 3377, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the multifamily transitional housing loan program of the Department of Veterans Affairs by requiring the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue loans for the construction of, rehabilitation of, or acquisition of land for multifamily transitional housing projects instead of guar-

anteeing loans for such purposes, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Pamperin, Associate Deputy Under Secretary for Policy and Program Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, and Robert Jesse, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health, and Richard J. Hipolit, and Walter A. Hall, both Assistant General Counsel, each of the Veterans Health Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Raymond M. Jefferson, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training Service; and Ian de Planque, The American Legion, Tom Tarantino, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Eric A. Hilleman, Veterans of Foreign Wars, all of Washington, DC; and Richard Weidman and Alan Oates, both of Vietnam Veterans of America, Silver Spring, Maryland.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 5339–5346; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 280; and H. Res. 1371–1379, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H3658–59

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1363, granting the authority provided under clause 4(c)(3) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives to the Committee on Education and Labor for purposes of its investigation into underground coal mining safety (H. Rept. 110–487).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Dr. William Smith, Memorial Baptist Church, Arlington, Virginia.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Eunice Kennedy Shriver Act: H.R. 5220, amended, to reauthorize the Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act of 2004 and to provide assistance to Best Buddies to support the expansion and development of mentoring programs;

Pages H3583–89

Honorable Stephanie Tubbs Jones College Fire Prevention Act: H.R. 2136, to establish the Honorable Stephanie Tubbs Jones Fire Suppression Demonstration Incentive Program within the Department

of Education to promote installation of fire sprinkler systems, or other fire suppression or prevention technologies, in qualified student housing and dormitories;

Pages H3589–91

Congratulating the Emporia State University Lady Hornets women's basketball team: H. Res. 1292, amended, to congratulate the Emporia State University Lady Hornets women's basketball team for winning the 2010 NCAA Division II National Championship, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 407 ayes to 1 no with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 282;

Pages H3591–93, H3622–23

Recognizing the significant contributions of United States automobile dealerships: H. Res. 713, amended, to recognize the significant contributions of United States automobile dealerships, and to express the sense of the House of Representatives that in the interest of equity, automobile dealers whose franchises have been terminated through no fault of their own be given an opportunity of first consideration once the auto market rebounds and stabilizes;

Pages H3601–02

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Recognizing the significant contributions of United States automobile dealerships, and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that in the interest of equity, automobile dealers be given consideration to enter the automobile market once it rebounds and stabilizes."

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Blue Star/Gold Star Flag Act: H.R. 2546, to ensure that the right of an individual to display the Service flag on residential property not be abridged; **Pages H3602–04**

Extending Immunities to the Office of the High Representative and the International Civilian Office in Kosovo Act of 2010: H.R. 5139, amended, to provide for the International Organizations Immunities Act to be extended to the Office of the High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the International Civilian Office in Kosovo; and

Pages H3612–13

Establishing a United States Consulate in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq: H. Res. 873, amended, to establish a United States Consulate in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. **Pages H3615–17**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Calling for the establishment of a United States Consulate in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq along with similar efforts in other areas of Iraq.” **Page H3617**

Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010: H.R. 5325, to invest in innovation through research and development, to improve the competitiveness of the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 261 yeas to 148 nays, Roll No. 277.

Pages H3548–83, H3594

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, May 18th:

Juvenile Accountability Block Grants Program Reauthorization Act: H.R. 1514, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to reauthorize the juvenile accountability block grants program through fiscal year 2014, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 364 yeas to 45 nays, Roll No. 276; **Pages H3593–94**

Recognizing National Missing Children's Day: H. Res. 1325, amended, to recognize National Missing Children's Day, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 410 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 278;

Pages H3594–95

Celebrating the life and achievements of Lena Mary Calhoun Horne: H. Res. 1362, to celebrate the life and achievements of Lena Mary Calhoun Horne and to honor her for her triumphs against racial discrimination and her steadfast commitment to the civil rights of all people, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 405 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 279;

Pages H3595–96

Michael C. Rothberg Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 5099, to designate the facility of the

United States Postal Service located at 15 South Main Street in Sharon, Massachusetts, as the “Michael C. Rothberg Post Office”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 280; **Page H3621**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Teacher Day to honor and celebrate teachers in the United States: H. Res. 403, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Teacher Day to honor and celebrate teachers in the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 405 yeas to 2 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 281; and **Pages H3621–22**

Honoring the historic and community significance of the Chatham County Courthouse: H. Res. 1364, to honor the historic and community significance of the Chatham County Courthouse and to express condolences to Chatham County and the town of Pittsboro for the fire damage sustained by the courthouse on March 25, 2010, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 406 yeas to 1 no, Roll No. 283. **Page H3623**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Congratulating the University of Texas men's swimming and diving team for winning the NCAA Division I national championship: H. Res. 1336, to congratulate the University of Texas men's swimming and diving team for winning the NCAA Division I national championship; **Pages H3596–97**

Recognizing North Carolina Central University on its 100th anniversary: H. Res. 1361, amended, to recognize North Carolina Central University on its 100th anniversary; **Pages H3597–99**

Expressing support for designation of September as National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month: H. Res. 996, amended, to express support for designation of September as National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month; **Pages H3599–H3601**

5-Star Generals Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 1177, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of 5 United States Army 5-Star Generals, George Marshall, Douglas MacArthur, Dwight Eisenhower, Henry “Hap” Arnold, and Omar Bradley, alumni of the United States Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to coincide with the celebration of the 132nd Anniversary of the founding of the United States Army Command and General Staff College; **Pages H3604–08**

Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building: H.R. 5128, amended, to designate the Department of the Interior Building in Washington,

District of Columbia, as the “Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building”; **Pages H3609–10**

Expressing support for designation of May as National Foster Care Month: H. Res. 1339, to express support for designation of May as National Foster Care Month and to acknowledge the responsibility that Congress has to promote safety, well-being, improved outcomes, and permanency for the Nation’s collective children; **Pages H3610–12**

Expressing condolences and sympathies for the people of China following the tragic earthquake in the Qinghai province of the Peoples Republic of China on April 14, 2010: H. Res. 1324, to express condolences and sympathies for the people of China following the tragic earthquake in the Qinghai province of the Peoples Republic of China on April 14, 2010; and **Pages H3613–15**

United States-Israel Missile Defense Cooperation and Support Act: H.R. 5327, amended, to authorize assistance to Israel for the Iron Dome anti-missile defense system. **Pages H3617–20**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3545.

Senate Referral: S. 736 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. **Page H3655**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3593, H3594, H3594–95, H3521, H3621–22, H3622–23, and H3623. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001

Committee on Armed Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 5136, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011.

SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL TURNAROUND

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Research and Best Practices on Successful School Turnaround. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ASSISTANCE, QUALITY, AND AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2010

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 5320, Assistance, Quality, and Affordability Act of 2010.

SMALL BUSINESS LENDING FUND ACT OF 2010

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 5297, Small Business Lending Fund Act of 2010.

VIEWPOINTS ON HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled “Viewpoints on Homeland Security: A Discussion with the 9/11 Commissioners.” Testimony was heard from the following former members of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States: Thomas Kean, former Chairman, and former Governor of New Jersey; and Lee Hamilton, former Vice-Chair, and former Representative from Indiana.

TRANSFORMING FEDERAL HIRING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia held a hearing entitled “Jobs, Jobs, Jobs: Transforming Federal Hiring.” Testimony was heard from John Berry, Director, OPM, and public witnesses.

DEFENSE ACQUISITION REFORM

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing entitled “Defense Acquisitions: One Year After Reform.” Testimony was heard from Mike Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Nancy Spruill, Director, Acquisition Resources and Analysis, Office of the Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; and John Roth, Deputy Comptroller, Program/Budget, Office of the Under Secretary (Comptroller).

UNDERGROUND COAL MINING SAFETY INVESTIGATION AUTHORITY

Committee on Rules: Ordered reported H. Res. 1363, Granting the authority provided under clause 4(c)(3) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives to the Committee on Education and Labor for purposes of its investigations into underground coal mining safety.

Prior to this action, the Committee held a hearing on this measure. Testimony was heard from Chairman George Miller of California.

U.S. NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on Charting the Course for American Nuclear Technology: Evaluating the Department of Energy’s Nuclear Energy Research and Development Roadmap.

Testimony was heard from Warren P. Miller, Assistant Secretary, Office of Nuclear Energy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Deepwater Horizon: Oil Spill Prevention and Response Measures and Natural Resource Impacts. Testimony was heard from Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator, EPA; Jane Lubchenco, Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce; S. Elizabeth Birnbaum, Director, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior; RADM Brian Salerno, USCG, Assistant Commander, Marine Safety, Security, and Stewardship, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Lamar McKay, Chairman and President, BP America, Inc., and Steven Newman, President and CEO, Transocean Limited.

VA INFORMATION SECURITY ASSESSMENT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Assessing Information Security at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Belinda J. Finn, Assistant Inspector General, Audits and Investigations, Office of Inspector General; and Roger W. Baker, Assistant Secretary, Information and Technology; and Gregory C. Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, GAO.

INTERNET GAMBLING LEGALIZATION TAX PROPOSALS

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on tax proposals related to legislation to legalize Internet gambling. Testimony was heard from Representatives Frank of Massachusetts, McDermott, and Goodlatte; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Christopher Wagner, Commissioner, Self-Employed Division; and Rebecca Sparkman, Deputy Director, Operations, Criminal Investigation Division, both with the IRS; and Charles M. Steele, Deputy Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on Financial Intelligence. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D556)

H.R. 3714, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to include in the Annual Country Reports on Human Rights Practices information about freedom of the press in foreign countries. Signed on May 17, 2010. (Public Law 111–166)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, with the Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold joint hearings to examine the progress in ending veterans' homelessness, 10 a.m., SD–124.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine investing in mine safety, focusing on preventing another disaster, 2 p.m., SD–106.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Federal Trade Commission, 2:30 p.m., SD–192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine the causes and lessons of the May 6th market plunge, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Carl Wieman, of Colorado, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine S. 2921, to provide for the conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy in the California Desert Conservation Area, to require the Secretary of the Interior to designate certain offices to serve as Renewable Energy Coordination Offices for coordination of Federal permits for renewable energy projects and transmission lines to integrate renewable energy development, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 3362, to amend the Clean Air Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to provide competitive grants to publicly funded schools to implement effective technologies to reduce air pollutants (as defined in section 302 of the Clean Air Act), including greenhouse gas emissions, in accordance with that Act, S. 3250, to provide for the training of Federal building personnel, S. 3372, to modify the date on which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and applicable States may require permits for discharges from certain vessels, S. 3363, to

amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding the water resources research and technology institutes established under that Act, S. 3374, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to establish a grant program to revitalize brownfield sites for the purpose of locating renewable electricity generation facilities on those sites, S. 3373, to address the health and economic development impacts of nonattainment of federally mandated air quality standards in the San Joaquin Valley, California, by designating air quality empowerment zones, H.R. 4275, to designate the annex building under construction for the Elbert P. Tuttle United States Court of Appeals Building in Atlanta, Georgia, as the “John C. Godbold Federal Building”, S. 3248, to designate the Department of the Interior Building in Washington, District of Columbia, as the “Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building”, and a proposed resolution relating to the General Services Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine clean technology manufacturing competitiveness, focusing on the role of tax incentives, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), focusing on a report of the group of experts, 9:15 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine counternarcotics contracts in Latin America, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine efforts to right-size the Federal employee-to-contractor mix, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 193, to create and extend certain temporary district court judgeships, H.R. 4506, to authorize the appointment of additional bankruptcy judges, H.R. 1933, to direct the Attorney General to make an annual grant to the A Child Is Missing Alert and Recovery Center to assist law enforcement agencies in the rapid recovery of missing children, and the nominations of Robert Neil Chatigny, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, John A. Gibney, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Stephanie A. Finley, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana, Scott Jerome Parker, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of North Carolina, and Darryl Keith McPherson, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, on Public Witnesses, 9 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on the Impact of Concussions on High School Athletes, 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to mark up the Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 2010, 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Update on Toyota and NHTSA’s Response to the Problem of Sudden Unintended Acceleration,” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade and the Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology, joint hearing entitled “The Role of the International Monetary Fund and Federal Reserve in Stabilizing Europe,” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment, oversight hearing on the Compact of Free Association with the Republic of the Marshall Islands: Medical Treatment of the Marshallese People, U.S. Nuclear Tests, Nuclear Claims Tribunal, Forced Resettlement, Use of Kwajalein Atoll for Missile Programs and Land Use Development, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight, hearing on Afghanistan Reconstruction Oversight, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, to mark up H.R. 5175, Democracy is Strengthened by Casting Light on Spending in Elections Act, 1 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the Administrative Conference of the United States, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on Rape Kit Backlogs: Failing the Test of Providing Justice to Sexual Assault Survivors, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing entitled “Running out of Time: Telecommunications Transition Delays Wasting Millions of Federal Dollars,” 9 a.m., and to mark up the following measures: H. R. 4900, Federal Information Security Amendments Act of 2010; H.R. 2142, Government Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Performance Improvement Act of 2009; H. Res. 1121, Congratulating Clinton County and the count seat of Wilmington, Ohio, on the occasion of their bicentennial anniversaries; H. Res. 1172, Recognizing the life and achievements of Will Keith Kellogg; H. Res. 1330, Recognizing June 8, 2010, as World Ocean Day; H. Res. 1357, Commending and congratulating the Hollywood Walk of Fame on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and H.R. 5278, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 405 West Second Street in Dixon, Illinois, as the “President Ronald W. Reagan Post Office Building,” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing on Preventing Harm—Protecting Health: Reforming CDC’s Environmental Public Health Practices, 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on Too Much For

Too Little: Finding the Cost-Risk Balance for Protecting Federal Employees in Leased Facilities, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing on the Implementation of the Pipeline Inspection, Protection, Enforcement and Safety Act of 2006 and Reauthorization of the Pipeline Safety Program, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs and the Subcommittee on Health, joint hearing on Healing the Wounds: Evaluating Military Sexual Trauma Issues, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on the Loan Guaranty Program, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing to review customs operations administered by U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on Hot Sports, 1:30 p.m., 304-HVC.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, hearing entitled "Climate Science in the Political Arena," 9 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

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9:30 a.m., Thursday, May 20

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, May 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 3217, Restoring American Financial Stability Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Dodd/Lincoln) Amendment No. 3739 at 2:30 p.m.

(Senate will recess from 10:40 a.m. until 12:00 noon for a Joint Meeting of Congress to receive an address from His Excellency Felipe Calderon Hinojosa, the President of Mexico, at 11 a.m. Senators will gather in the chamber at 10:30 a.m. and will depart from the Senate Chamber at 10:40 a.m. to proceed as a body to the Hall of the House.)

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